

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Jerry E. Redman

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For: SAFETY SLIDING DOOR APPARATUS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

CORRECTION OF STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The following two matters are addressed in this submission:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated April 3, 2006, the Examiner states "all of the prior art teaches a window pane with a sliding door and upon opening of the sliding door, a detection switch or element detects the position of the window (i.e., if the window is open) and stops the sliding door before the fully closed position."

First, as to the teachings of the prior art to Kyritsos (6,925,755), there is no sliding door.

Second, Applicant believes that the underscored text was intended to read "fully open position" since the activity relates to "upon opening" the door. This should be distinguished from the fully closed position of the window.

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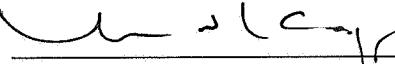
In the IDS submitted on April 28, 2006, following close of prosecution, the undersigned certified, to the best of information and belief, that each item of information contained in the IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the IDS. A copy of the communication from the JPO that cited the items was submitted with the IDS and clearly demonstrated that the date of the communication from the JPO was less than three months before the filing of the IDS. Thus, to that extent, the statement was true.

However, it now has come to the attention of the undersigned that the prior art references JP 10-058980 and JP 2001-173299 were also known to the applicant prior to the date of the JPO communication, although the relevance of these references was not fully appreciated by the Applicants until the JPO communication was received. The Applicant's have advised the undersigned of this prior knowledge by letter dated May 17, 2006.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES

This matter is being brought to the attention of the Examiner for further action, including the assessment of additional fees or further action as may be appropriate. In particular, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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